



Resource

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Citywide Garage Sale

At Your Home

Saturday, May 2, 8 am to 2 pm

- Free newspaper advertising for sellers.
- Buyers can search online for sale items and locations.
- Maps available May 1 online and at select locations.
- Hold a sale at your home or coordinate a block sale or fundraiser.

Register by April 18 online at www.MVrecycle.org or call **(650) 903-6227** to obtain registration form.

Community Yard Sale

At Rengstorff Park

(201 S. Rengstorff Ave.)

Saturday, May 9, 8 am to 2 pm

- Over 100 vendors in one location with hot bargains, good food and more.
- Admission free to buyers. Sellers register to rent space for a small fee.

To register or for more information, call **(650) 903-6331**.



Paper Shredding Events

At SMaRT Station® in Sunnyvale

Saturday: May 30, August 22,

November 7

8 am to 12 noon

- Proof of Mountain View residency required (e.g., utility bill, driver's license).
- Bring only confidential documents such as tax returns, bank statements and medical records.
- No heavy binders, binder clips, mixed media such as VHS tapes, CDs or computer disc/drives (paper clips, staples, spiral notebooks ok).
- Limit of five (5) banker boxes or paper grocery bags per household per event.
- Unloading assistance available, if needed.

Call **(650) 903-6311** for more information. See page 4 for a map to the SMaRT Station.

Mattress Recycling Gets a Boost

California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) estimates that 4.2 million mattresses and box springs are discarded annually in California, but that less than 5 percent are recycled. Mattresses are relatively expensive to manage at their end of life. They are bulky and difficult to handle and transport. Their low density materials (they don't compact) make them costly to landfill, and mattress springs can jam waste processing and landfill equipment. Despite the fact that between 80 and 90 percent of a used mattress is recyclable, the low value of the recovered materials and the handling expense mean limited recycling opportunities are available. However, there is good news on the mattress recycling front.

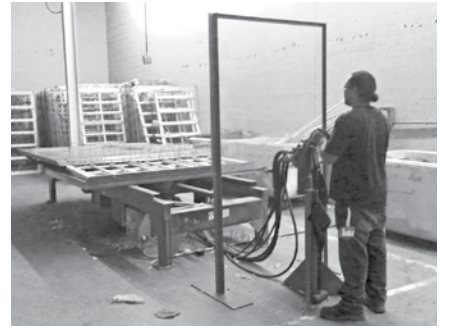
California Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act

California recently adopted legislation (SB 254) to introduce an industry-run statewide mattress recycling program. This new mattress stewardship law aims to reduce illegal dumping, increase recycling and substantially reduce public agency costs for the management of used mattresses. The newly formed Mattress Recycling Council is preparing a recovery and recycling plan for State approval and hopes to launch its program in 2016. The recycling program will be funded by a recycling fee added to the purchase price of all new or renovated mattresses. In the meantime, mattresses collected in Mountain View are being directed to Goodwill Industries of Silicon Valley for recycling.

Goodwill Industries of Silicon Valley Mattress Recycling Program

Goodwill Industries of Silicon Valley is one of the few organizations in California offering mattress recycling services. Goodwill employs homeless veterans (and others who struggle to find work) to break down the mattresses and recover their individual components. The mattresses are deconstructed by hand. The fabric is baled and sold to carpet manufacturers. The wood is sold to mattress reconditioners for use in new mattresses or other products, and the metal springs are sent to metal recycling facilities. The program also provides social services such as housing assistance.

Goodwill recycles mattresses collected by Recology or taken to the City's two recycling centers (see page 4 for map). Residents eligible for the On Call Plus cleanup program (see page 2) may have mattresses collected curbside free of charge. Other residents can take mattresses to either the Mountain View Recycling Center on Terra Bella Avenue (fee of \$18 per item) or the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale (fee of \$17.50 per item). Nearly 1,000 mattresses from Mountain View were recycled through this program in 2014.



Top: Stripping off the metal springs;
Below: Taking apart the mattress



Free Home Composting Workshops

Mountain View Community Center

at Rengstorff Park (201 S. Rengstorff Ave.)

Saturday, May 16 or Saturday, October 17

10 am to 12 noon

Learn how to turn your grass, leaves, and kitchen scraps into nutritious soil for your garden. Pre-registration is required, call the Rotline at **(408) 918-4640** or visit www.ReduceWaste.org.



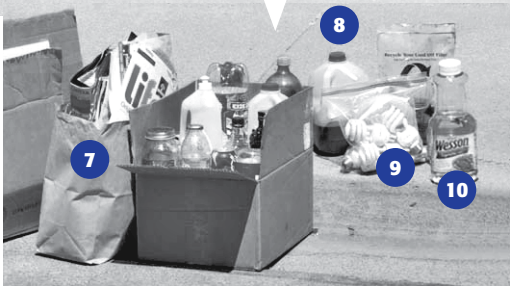
Safety Tip! Cart Placement



Many row house and townhome developments have small landscape strips located between garages. In some instances, water and gas lines have been placed in these landscape areas. If this is the case where you live, please be careful about where you place your trash and recycling carts for service, as the collection truck lifting arm can accidentally catch these pipes. Please allow at least 2 feet of clearance between your cart and any pipes, whether carts are placed in front of garage doors or in front of the landscape area. Also, try and place carts beyond any overhanging arbors, balconies or bay windows, as the lifting arm requires adequate overhead clearance.



Garbage and recycling set out



Single Family Service

Where to Set Out Carts

Set out all carts by 7 am on collection day. Leave at least 18 inches between carts, and away from overhanging items (trees, basketball hoops, balconies). Remove carts no later than next day. Store carts out of public view (inside garage, behind fence or hedge). No carts on top of curb unless there is no room on street (due to parked cars).

Extra Garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Safeway or Nob Hill Store, the Mountain View Public Library, the Finance Department at City Hall, or Recology at 935 Terra Bella Avenue (weekdays 9 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm). Call stores ahead to confirm availability. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

When is my Recycling Collected?

Split carts are collected every other week on the same day as garbage. Find your recycling week by calling Recology at **(650) 967-3034** or visit **www.MVrecycle.org**.

How to Recycle

- 1. Extra Yard Trimmings:** Set out no more than 2 extra containers of yard trimmings. Use large paper lawn and refuse bags (available at hardware and home and garden stores) or plastic cans. No metal cans or plastic bags please. Container limit is 32-gallons and 50 pounds. If you regularly have extra yard trimmings, order additional cart(s).
- 2. Mixed Paper (Grey Lid):** Place paper in the cart under the grey lid—newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces.
- 3. Household Batteries:** Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology and set on top of recycling cart. Recology will empty and return the bag for reuse. Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire.
- 4. Cell Phones:** Place phones in a clear, sealed plastic bag and set on top of your recycling cart.
- 5. Mixed Containers (Blue Lid):** Place containers in the cart under the blue lid—glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs #1-7, metal cans and lids.
- 6. Cardboard:** Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3' x 3' in size and place on top of curb next to the recycling cart.
- 7. Extra Recycling:** Set out no more than 2 extra containers of recycling. Place cans and bottles in one paper bag or small box next to cart. Place mixed paper in another paper bag or box. No plastic bags please. If you regularly have extra recycling, order a larger or second cart.
- 8. Used Motor Oil and Filters:** Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.
- 9. Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs):** Place CFLs in a clear sealed plastic bag and set on the curb next to recycling cart. NO fluorescent tubes (take to SMaRT Station).
- 10. Used Cooking Oil:** Contain in a clear plastic bottle or jug with a screw-top lid. Set on the curb next to your recycling cart.

Multi-Family Service

How to Recycle

Multi-family complexes have group carts for recycling. Different carts are provided for Mixed Containers and Mixed Paper (Newspaper Only carts are being phased out; newspaper may be placed in Mixed Paper carts).

Containers

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs, metal cans and lids in the Containers cart.

Paper

Place newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the Paper and Cardboard cart.

Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape large cardboard into bundles no more than 3' x 3' in size and place next to the carts. **Smaller cardboard pieces may be placed in cart.**

Other Recyclables

Property representatives should call Recology to inquire about collection of motor oil and filters, cooking oil, household batteries, CFLs and cell phones at their properties.

Buddy Bags

Specially designed bags are available for carrying sorted recyclables to their proper carts. Property representatives should call Recology to inquire about how to obtain free bags.



Buddy bags are available to carry recyclables

Clean Up Programs

On Call Plus

Eligible residents may schedule three (3) free appointments each year, to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture. This program is not available to apartments. Managers should call Recology to arrange a complex-wide special collection (fees will apply).

Place items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide. Bags, boxes and bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds each or be longer than 4' in length. Visit **Clean Up Programs** at **www.MVrecycle.org** for detailed set out guidelines or call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** for information and to schedule an appointment.

Vouchers

On Call appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** to request vouchers one week in advance.

Bin for a Day

Have a clean-up project that is too small for a debris box? For a fee, Recology will deliver a 4-yard dumpster to your property (see photo, right). You load it up—they pick it up (within 7 days after delivery). This service is available to all residents and businesses. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034**.



Bin for a day

RecycleMyJunk

Want someone else to do your clean up? For a fee, Recology can do the heavy lifting and removal for you! This service is available to all residents and businesses beginning in January 2014.

Recycling Clean Out Service

Schools and businesses may have extra recycling containers delivered once per year for a one week period (at no charge) for large clean out projects (regular mixed recyclables only). To arrange delivery call Recology at **(650) 967-3034**.

Where to Recycle

| Curbside Recycling Service | | Mountain View Recycling Center | SMaRT Station | County Household Hazardous Waste Program | Retail Take-Back Locations (see page 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--|---|
| Split-Carts Single-Family Homes | Group Carts Multi-Family Homes | | | | |

Containers

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|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| Glass bottles and jars | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | |
| Metal cans and lids | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | |
| Plastic bottles and tubs | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | |

Paper

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|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| Cardboard | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | |
| Confidential documents (shredding events, see Calendar, page 4) | | | | ■ | | |
| Mixed paper–See <i>What’s Recyclable</i> | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | |

Organics

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|--------------------------|---|-----|-----|------|--|--|
| Christmas Trees | ■ | ■ # | | ■ \$ | | |
| Yard Trimmings (no food) | ■ | | ■ # | ■ \$ | | |

Electronics (E-Waste)

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|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| Batteries (household) | ■ | | ■ | ■ | | ■ |
| Cell phones | ■ | | ■ | ■ | | |
| Miscellaneous electronics (computers, printers, fax machines, VCR/DVD players, radios, calculators, etc.) | □ | □ | ■ | ■ | | |
| Televisions | □ | □ | ■ | ■ | | |

Other

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|---|---|---|------|------|---|---|
| Appliances—Large (Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers) | □ | □ | | ■ \$ | | |
| Appliances—Medium (Washer, dryer, water heater, stove) | □ | □ | ■ # | ■ \$ | | |
| Appliances—Small (microwave, other counter-top size appliances) | □ | □ | ■ # | ■ | | |
| Auto batteries | | | | ■ | | |
| Cooking oil/grease | ■ | | ■ | ■ | | |
| Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL’s) | ■ | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Fluorescent light tubes | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Furniture | □ | □ | | ■ \$ | | |
| Mattresses | □ | □ | ■ \$ | ■ \$ | | |
| Motor oil and filters | ■ | | | ■ | | ■ |
| Passenger car tires (limit four) | □ | □ | | ■ \$ | | |

Household Hazardous Waste—see *County Household Hazardous Waste Program*

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|---------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Medicine | | | | | ■ | ■ |
| Paint | | | | | ■ | ■ |
| Other household hazardous waste | | | | | ■ | |
| Sharps (hypodermic needles) | | | | ■ | ■ | |

- Accepts the listed material
- # Appointment required, call Recology
- Accepted in On Call Plus, appointment required (apartments not eligible for On Call plus, call Recology for fee service)
- \$ Fee required, call for pricing (SMaRT fee waived for residents using On Call Plus Voucher)

County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Do NOT place hazardous waste in garbage or recycling containers. Below is a partial list of the items accepted at no charge by the County-wide Household Hazardous Waste program *by appointment only*. For a full list of accepted items or to make an appointment, call or visit the website (408-299-7300 or www.hhw.org).

- Batteries (household) • Fire extinguishers • Flares • Fluorescent tubes • Fluorescent compact bulbs • Medicine (except controlled substances, which are not accepted at the HHW drop off program but can be taken to Retail Take-Back Locations, see page 4) • Paint (please use Retail Take-Back Locations for paint disposal when possible, see page 4) • Pesticides • Pool Chemicals • Propane/balloon tanks • Sharps (hypodermic needles) • Smoke detectors • Solvents • Thermometers and thermostats

What’s Recyclable

Recycle

- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal cans and lids
- Plastic bottles and tubs
- Aluminum foil (clean)
- Catalogs and junk mail
- Cereal/food/shoe boxes
- Gift wrap (no metallics)
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Manila folders
- Paperback books
- Paper bags
- Phone books



Garbage

- Aerosol cans¹
- Animal waste (bagged)
- Any food/beverage soiled paper
- Black plastic
- Ceramics & porcelain
- Clamshells (lids are attached)
- Diapers
- Egg cartons (paper or foam)
- Frozen food boxes
- Hard plastics (toys, plant pots, etc.)¹
- Juice pouches and boxes
- Milk, ice cream, soup cartons¹
- Mirrors and window glass
- Paper cups, plates, napkins
- Paper towel
- Pizza boxes
- Photographs
- Plastic bags
- Plastic film & wrap¹
- Plastic cups, plates, utensils
- Pots and pans (and other metal)¹
- Pyrex and similar glass
- Snack papers & wrappers
- Styrofoam™ of any kind
- Tyvek or padded envelopes
- Waxed paper

¹ These items with limited recycling markets are accepted at Mountain View Recycling Center during drop-off hours (see page 4)

Drop Off Appointments for Household Hazardous Waste

Various dates and locations in Santa Clara County.

For schedule and to make an appointment, call (408) 299-7300 or visit www.hhw.org



Retail Take-Back Locations

Paint (latex, oil, coatings, primer, stain, varnish), **Fluorescent Lamps** (compact bulbs and tubes), **Household Batteries** (no automotive batteries), and **Medications** from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

PAINT

Dunn-Edwards
1949 W El Camino Real, (650) 964-4526

Kelly Moore
180 E El Camino Real, (650) 964-5220

Kelly Moore
411 Fairchild Drive, (650) 961-0750

Orchard Supply
2555 Charleston Road, (650) 691-2000

Please check with the store first if you have more than 5 gallons. For a list of all paint products accepted and other take-back locations in Santa Clara County, visit www.hhw.org.

FLUORESCENTS AND BATTERIES

Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W El Camino Real, (650) 964-7871
Leave with employee at register

Orchard Supply Hardware
2555 Charleston Road, (650) 691-2000
Leave at customer service desk

Bruce Bauer Lumber and Supply
134 San Antonio Circle, (650) 948-1089
Leave with employee at register

Stanford Electric
126 San Antonio Circle, (650) 323-4139
Leave with employee at counter

BATTERIES ONLY

Radio Shack
530 Showers Drive, (650) 941-2320 and
1350 Grant Road, (650) 961-7964

Best Buy
2460 Charleston Road, (650) 903-0591

Target
555 Showers Drive, (650) 965-7764

Green Citizen
2500 W. El Camino Real #D, (650) 493-8700

MEDICATION

Various Locations
Visit www.hhw.org for a full list of medication drop-off locations.

MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS

Any Certified Used Oil Collection Center
Visit www.hhw.org for list of centers

Contact Us

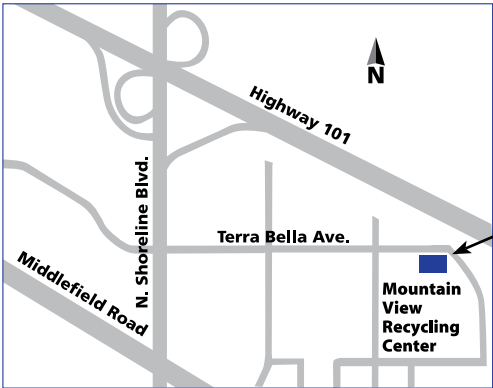
Garbage and Recycling Collection Services
Missed pickups, service questions, clean up and bulky good collection services, collection schedule, business recycling, debris boxes. Recology Mountain View. **(650) 967-3034** or www.RecologyMountainView.com

Utility and Garbage Billing Information
Start or change garbage accounts, billing inquiries and purchase extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Dept. **(650) 903-6317**

Program Comments and Suggestions
Comments about *Resource* newsletter, information or questions about what's recyclable or programs.
City Solid Waste and Recycling Program
(650) 903-6311, www.MVrecycle.org, or recycle@mountainview.gov

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Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers



Mountain View Recycling Center

935 Terra Bella Avenue
(650) 967-3034
www.RecologyMountainView.com

Operating Hours

Buy Back Center: Tuesday–Saturday
9 am to 4 pm

Drop Off Hours: Monday–Friday 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday 9 am to 4 pm

Purchase extra garbage stickers or pick up extra SMaRT Day Vouchers weekdays from 9–11 am and 2–4 pm. Please call ahead for Vouchers.

Buy Back Services

Redeem “California Redemption Value” bottles and cans for cash during buy-back hours. Remove lids from bottles.

Drop Off Services

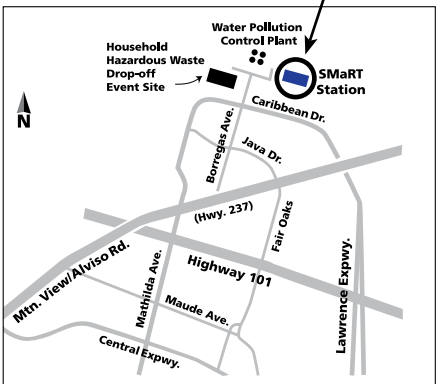
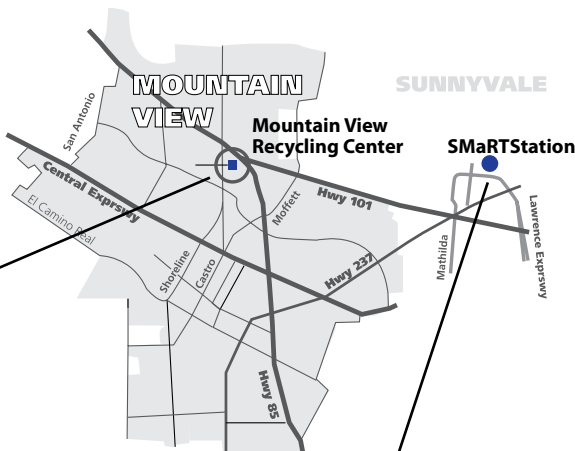
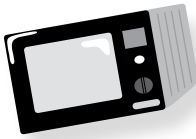
The following items are accepted at the Recycling Center during drop-off hours only. Please do not visit the Center or leave any items after hours.

- All items accepted in the curbside recycling program (see *What’s Recyclable* on page 3)
- Milk and dairy cartons
- Aseptic containers (juice, soup, soy milk)
- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Frozen food boxes (and other waxed paperboard)
- Rigid plastics (pails, buckets, plant pots, etc.)
- Textiles (unusable clothes, sheets, blankets, towels)
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long (pots/pans, trays, utensils, tools and other small all-metal items)
- Film plastic (bread and dry cleaner bags, bubble wrap, plastic packaging wrap, zip lock bags, cereal box-type liners, shrink wrap). Please bundle plastic together
- Usable clothing and shoes for donation
- E-waste (computers, monitors, printers, TVs, etc.)
- Mattresses and box springs (fees apply)
- Used cooking oil (in clear plastic bottle or jug with screw top lid)
- Compact fluorescent bulbs (no tubes)
- Cell phones
- Household batteries (in clear plastic bags, tape terminals)

By Appointment Services

Appointments are available to drop off these reusable or recyclable items (limits apply). Call Recology at (650) 967-3034 to make an appointment.

- Appliances (no full size refrigerators or freezers)
- Large plastic toys
- Furniture (suitable for donation only)
- Clean wood and lumber (no painted or treated wood)
- Yard trimmings



SMaRT Station

301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale
(408) 752-8530
www.SMaRT.inSunnyvale.com

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View’s garbage, yard trimmings and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies).

Operating Hours

Daily 7 days a week 8 am to 5 pm

Drop Off Services

See table on page 3 for items accepted at no charge

Buy Back Services

Redeem “California Redemption Value” bottles and cans for cash during buy-back hours.

Free Compost and Mulch

For pick up by residents (bring ID and containers, shovels provided). Limits apply, call or visit website for information and to check supply.

Ongoing Events & Workshops

Confidential Paper Shredding

FREE events held three times per year at the SMaRT Station (see map above). Limit five (5) banker boxes of paper grocery bags per household per event. Proof of residency required. Call **(408) 752-8530** or **(650) 903-6311** for dates and additional information.

Home Composting

Attend a FREE workshop to learn how to turn your grass, leaves and kitchen scraps into nutritious soil.

Various dates and locations in Santa Clara County. For schedule and to register, call the Rotline at **(408) 918-4640** or visit www.ReduceWaste.org.



Repair Café

Visit a local Repair Café event to get help fixing electronic devices, small appliances like toasters and blenders, and clothes (no alterations please). Visit www.RepairCafe.org for the next event date and location.